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## 54 Cutting, grinding and milling.

57 A cutting, grinding or milling machine comprises a chuck (62) for holding a workpiece (20), a cutting, grinding or milling tool spindle (12) positioned, in relation to the chuck (62), so that the tool (14) may be brought into contact with such a workpiece (20) when it is held by the chuck (62), and drive means (17) connected to bring about relative movement between the spindle (12) and the chuck (62) such that the contact between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20) when the machine is in use moves in a generally circular path around the workpiece (20). A coolant nozzle manifold (40) is mounted to direct coolant at such contact, the chuck (62) and the manifold (40) being rotatable relative to one another to enable the manifold (40) to keep coolant trained on such contact as it moves around the workpiece (20). A cam (44) is fixed relative to the manifold (40), and is engaged by a sleeve (15) surrounding the spindle (12) to advance or retard relative rotation between the workpiece (20) and the manifold (40) in dependence upon relative radial movement between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20) when the machine is in use, to keep the coolant directed at such contact notwithstanding such relative radial movement.

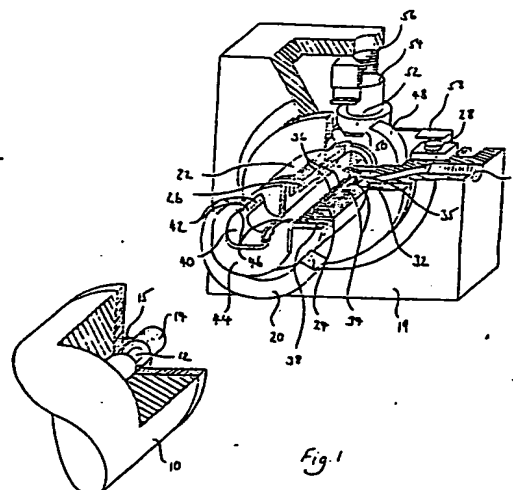


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acterised in that coolant directing means (40) are mounted to direct coolant at such contact, the holding means (62) and the coolant directing means (40) being rotatable relative to one another to enable the coolant directing means (40) to keep coolant trained on such contact as it moves around the workpiece (20), and in that adjustment means (44) are connected to advance or retard relative rotation between the workpiece (20) and the coolant directing means (40) in dependence upon relative radial movement between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20) when the machine is in use, to keep the coolant directed at such contact notwithstanding such relative radial movement.

3. A cutting, grinding or milling machine according to claim 2, characterised in that the adjustment means (44) comprises a coupling member (44) which couples movement between the spindle (12) and the coolant directing means (44) to advance or retard relative rotation between the workpiece (20) and the coolant directing means (40) in the manner set out in claim 2.

4. A cutting, grinding or milling machine according to claim 3, characterised in that the coupling member (44) comprises a cam (44) which is fixed relative to the coolant directing means (40), there being a part (15) which is fixed relative to the spindle axis and which engages the cam (44) to advance or retard relative rotation between the workpiece (20) and the coolant directing means (40) in the manner set out in claim 2.

5. A cutting, grinding or milling machine according to claim 4, characterised in that the cam (44) comprises curved portions which are spaced apart from one another to define a curved space therebetween which receives the said part (15) constituted by a sleeve which surrounds the spindle (12).

6. A cutting, grinding or milling machine according to claim 5, characterised in that the cam (44) comprises a U-shaped member (44) the arms of which constitute the said curved portions.

7. A method of cutting, grinding or milling a workpiece (20) along a generally circular path, characterised in that coolant is kept directed at the position of cutting, grinding or milling.

8. A method of cutting, grinding or milling a workpiece, comprising bringing a rotary cutting, grinding or milling tool (14) into contact with a workpiece (20), causing relative movement between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20) such that the contact between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20) moves in a generally circular path around the workpiece (20), characterised by directing coolant at such contact by coolant directing means (40), causing relative rotation between the coolant directing means (40) and the workpiece (20) to keep coolant trained on such contact as it moves around the workpiece (20), and advancing or retarding the relative rotation between the workpiece (20) and the

coolant directing means (40) in dependence upon relative radial movement between the tool (14) and the workpiece (20), to keep the coolant directed at such contact notwithstanding such relative radial movement.

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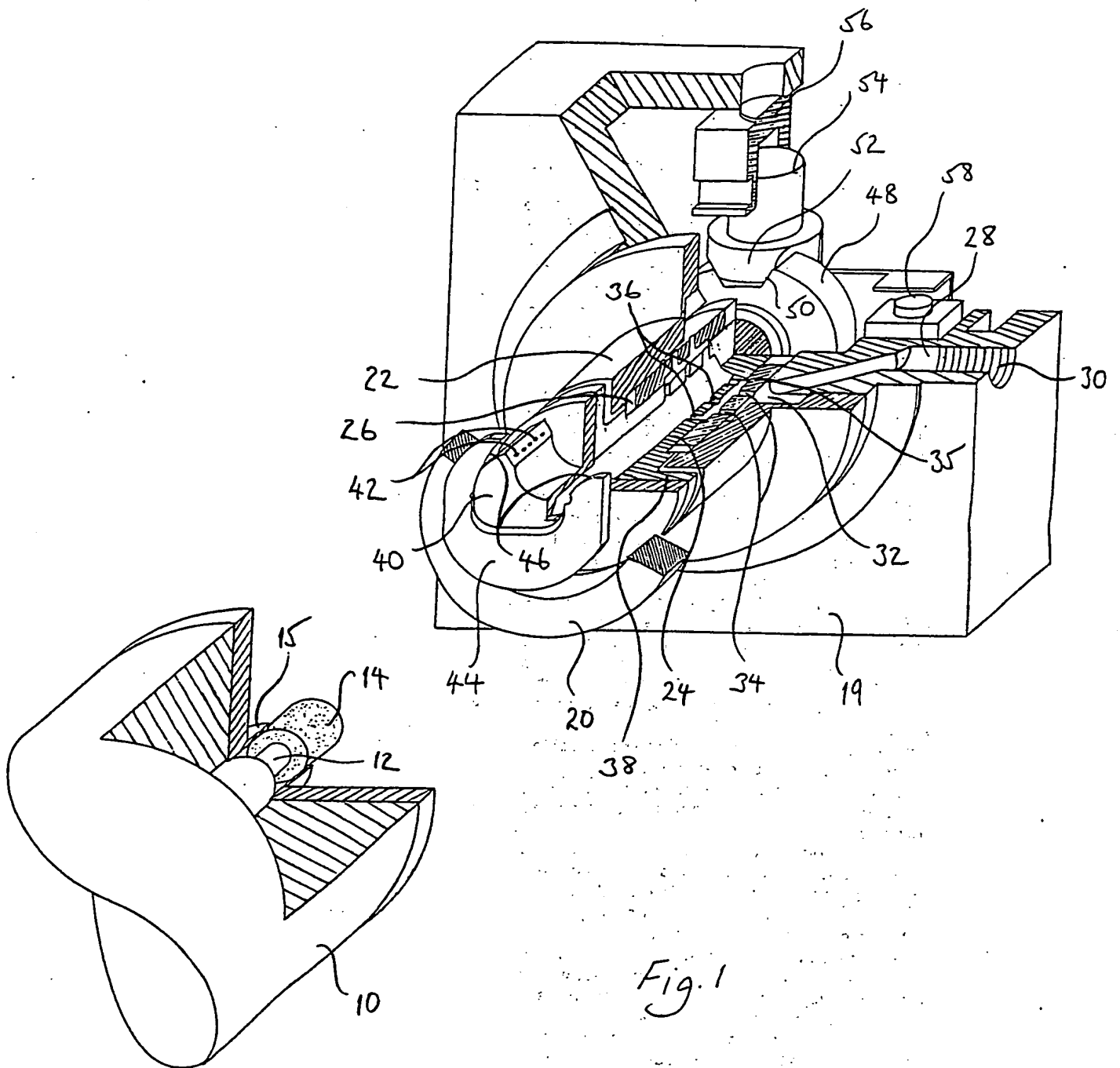
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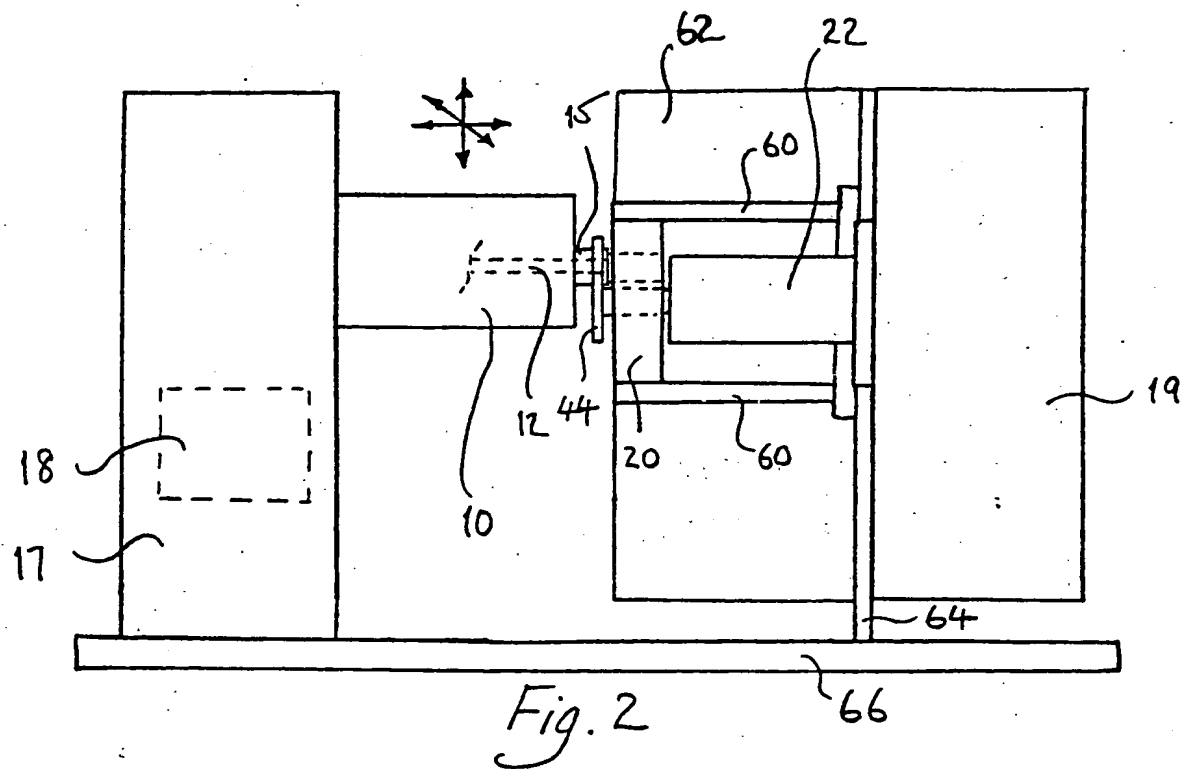
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